

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES of the GOVERNING BOARD of the WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

May 29, 2007

I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) was called to order by Chairperson Bob Henderson at 7:34 p.m. on May 29, 2007 in the Council Chambers, Whittier City Hall, 13230 E. Penn Street, Whittier, California.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Bob Henderson, Chair; Glenn Parker, Vice-Chair; John Beaman; Gary Watts; Dickie Simmons; Michael Hughes; and Jack Tanaka. The following member was absent: Elizabeth Cheadle.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Officer; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Judi Tamasi, Project Analyst; and Tammy Lee, Board Secretary.

III. Administration of oath of office to new office member(s).

Howard Vipperman was sworn in as the new representative for the City of La Habra Heights.

IV. Comments by members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items. Except for items notices as public hearings, all public comments shall be heard during the public comments section of the agenda. Individuals will be allowed three minutes to speak and representatives of organizations/agencies will be allowed five minutes to speak.

No comments were made.

V. Governing Board and staff response to public comment. At this time the Governing Board and staff will respond to public comment and questions.

No comments were made.

VI. Consent calender:

- (a) Approval of minutes from the meeting of April 4, 2007.**
- (b) Review and approval of Treasurer's report for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 submitted by Kathryn Marshall, Treasurer, City of Whittier.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution adopting budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.**

On motion of Mr. Beauman, duly seconded, the consent calender was unanimously approved.

VII. Report from a representative of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority Advisory Committee regarding the Advisory Committee meeting held on May 29, 2007.

A report was given by Bob Kanne, Chair of the Advisory Committee.

Comments were made by the Chair.

VIII. Special recognition of Fred Klein, former Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority Governing Board member for extraordinary accomplishments.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing participation in the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority and appointment of a new Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority representative to serve on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

Comments were made by the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Parker, duly seconded, the resolution authorizing participation in the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority was unanimously approved.

Comments were made by Valorie Shatynski, Project Manager and representative of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

On motion of Mr. Hughes, duly seconded, Advisory Committee member, Helen Rahder, was unanimously approved to represent the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority in the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

X. Update and discussion regarding the City of Diamond Bar's recent proposed acquisitions and annexations/sphere of influence amendments in relation to Aera property, including the potential relocation of a golf facility to a portion of the Aera property.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Tanaka.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, the Chair, Mr. Tanaka, and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Tanaka, Mr. Beauman, and the Chair.

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Diamond Bar on Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Aera Master Planned Community, Berry Canyon, Brea Canyon, and Tonner Canyon watersheds.

Comments were made by the Chair and Ms. Tamasi.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Tamasi.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Ms. Tamasi.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Tamasi, the Chair, Mr. Parker, and the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Beauman, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-03 was adopted with, Mr. Watts and Mr. Simmons abstaining.

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter regarding Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority Draft Resource Management Plan Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The Chair abstained from this item.

The Vice-Chair, Glenn Parker, led the meeting.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Comments were made by Mr. Parker.

On motion of Mr. Vipperman, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-04 was adopted, with Mr. Henderson and Mr. Simmons abstaining.

XIII. Statements, responses, questions or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code which provides as follows:

“No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, a member of a legislative body or its staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Furthermore, a member of a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.”

Comments were made by the Chair and Mr. Tanaka.

XIV. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, ASLA (Hon.)
Executive Officer

Bob Henderson
Chairperson